

EPE consists of a written and an oral part

Written Exam

The written exam consists of the following parts:

Listening (~20 points)

- ➔ 2 listening comprehensions with a different set of tasks (e.g. true/false questions; multiple choice; sentence completion; open questions.....)

Reading (~20 points)

- ➔ 2 reading comprehensions with tasks such as: multiple choice, sentence completion, open questions, true/false + justification)

Language in Use (30 points)

- ➔ 3 tasks (grammar and vocabulary)
 - Grammar: e.g. tenses, conditionals, modals, relative pronouns
 - Vocabulary: e.g. finding synonyms; word formation; open gap; multiple choice; banked gapped fill ...

Writing (30 points)

- ➔ An argumentative essay on a given topic; 300 words

Particularly important:

content (all bullet points addressed); text structure (paragraphs; use of linking words), appropriate lexis and syntax (C1), correct grammar and spelling

Oral exam

If you pass the written exam, you are admitted to the oral exam.

In your oral exam you will be asked to give a five-minute talk on a specific topic. You will be given the topic with an impulse (a quote, a picture...) and three aspects to address. You have 10 minutes to prepare your talk. After your talk, you will discuss some aspects with your examiners. (Total length of exam: around 10 minutes)

A Selection of TOPICS for EPE (written and oral)

- Growing up / being a teenager
- Raising children; different education styles; boarding schools ...
- Relationships / friendships /conflicts
- Happiness
- Gender issues
- Rules
- Climate change
- Living a sustainable life
- Alternative energy
- Transport
- Over-consumption
- Shopping habits (online shopping, shopping locally, fast fashion etc.)
- Artificial intelligence
- Modern technology
- Studying and living abroad
- Graffiti
- Arts
- Literature / Reading
- Music
- Advertisement / marketing
- Fake news
- Social media
- The use of foreign language skills
- Cultural differences
- Clichés and stereotypes
- Health (public healthcare; alternative treatments....)
- Mental health
- Eating disorders
- Keeping healthy / fit; fitness trends; importance of sports
- Body and mind
- Work - life balance
- What make us human? (evolutional, physical and psychological aspects)
- ...

The topics are discussed in the English classes. **Coursebooks used in the 3 English courses are:**

Headway 5th edition. Intermediate

Headway 5th edition. Upper Intermediate

Headway 5th edition. Advanced